

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DISPOSAL OF OUTDATED AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the policy in regard to disposal of outdated fighter and passenger aircraft of the Air Force;
- (b) the number of such aircraft with IAF as on date;
- (c) whether the Government propose to take effective steps for strengthening the Indian Air Force by the money earned from selling these aircraft; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) Once any aircraft is declared obsolete, the same is first offered for sale to friendly countries, failing which it is sold as scrap as per laid down procedure. However, before resorting to disposal of these aircraft as scrap, 25% of the discarded aircraft (after retrieval of usable parts and secret installations) could be gifted to the State Governments/Union Territories if they want the airframes for display purposes or to Official Museums, Municipal Bodies and Engineering institutes, which would include colleges awarding diploma and above and any other school/college of some public importance and standing where display of such aircraft would be useful.
- (b) Presently there are five aircrafts available for disposal.
- (c) & (d): The money earned from selling outdated aircraft is very meagre and the same is deposited with the Government. However, adequate budget allocations are made as per plan projections for strengthening the IAF.